

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 27th 2008

IOTA Contest 2007

The Final Results for the 2007 Islands On The Air contest have now been published. The home page of the IRTS web site www.irts.ie includes a link to these results.

The final IOTA results confirm South Dublin Radio Club and friends, who operated from Inis Oirr using the call sign EJ0GI, as the highest scoring EI/EJ DXpedition station, with a score of in excess of 4 million points. The highest scoring EI station in the fixed category was East Cork Amateur Radio Group, call sign EI7M, who came in with a score of more than 3.3 million points. Two other EI stations - EI0W (Dundalk Amateur Radio Society) and EI9E (Network Southern Area Radio Experimenters Club) had scores in excess of 2 million points.

This year's IOTA contest takes place on the weekend of the 26th and 27th of July, and no doubt EI/EJ stations are already making plans for entry.

Theory Examination

The Theory Examination will be held at the ComReg Offices in Dublin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday the 6th of February. If you have indicated your intention to sit the examination but have not yet forwarded the necessary fee, please forward your fee immediately. It should be noted that as places at the exam are limited a place can only be reserved when the necessary fee is received. The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full time registered students, those who are retired, unemployed or have a disability.

80 metres Counties Contest

All participants who took part in the 80 metres Counties Contest on New Years Day last are encouraged to submit logs - these should be sent to "contests2008 at irts dot ie". The deadline for submission of logs is this coming Thursday, the 31st of January.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next Meeting of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held on Thursday the 7th of February 2008.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The next meeting of Shannon Basin Radio Club will take place on Wednesday the 6th of February in Hannon's Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon..

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next General Meeting will take place on Monday the 28th of January at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford. The clubs Annual General Meeting is currently being organised and will take place on Monday the 25th of February at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford. Members will be notified by post in the coming weeks. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

IRTS 4 Metre & 6 Metre Shields

The 4 Metre & 6 Metre Shields will be presented to the leading 4 & 6 Metre operators at this years I.R.T.S. AGM. This competition is run on a calendar year basis from the 1st of January 2007 to the 31st of December 2007.

The scoring will be calculated as follows: Unique contacts times Maidenhead locator squares times DXCC. All modes count. Could anyone interested in this competition please send their 2007 logs to the Contest Manager, Brian Canning "brianei8iu at eircom dot net". Unique contacts: If you make contact with a particular station, say 5 times during the year, you can only claim this as 1 QSO. Squares means: IO51, JO63 KM78 etc. DXCC count, should need no explanation. It is hoped that everyone can and will send in a log.

Codes and Ciphers Exhibition

A Codes and Ciphers Exhibition will take place from Monday the 11th of February until Friday the 15th of February 2008 at the Somme Heritage Centre located just off the Bangor Road, a few miles outside Newtownards, Co. Down. Equipment on display will include a German Enigma machine along with other cipher equipment. For more information visit, www.irishsoldier.org

Coolmine Rally

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will run the Coolmine Radio Rally on Sunday the 10th of February 2008 at the Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, Dublin 15. Doors open for traders at 9:00 a.m. and for the general public at 11:00 a.m. To book tables contact Tony on 087-2439997 or Tom on 086-3417017. The rally will feature a bring-and-buy sale and admission is 4 Euro.

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally will take place in The Share Centre, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh on Sunday the 13th of April 2008. The rally will feature a Bring & Buy, Caravan Park and access from Lough Erne/Shannon Waterway. There will be food and parking is on site. Other facilities may be available by prior arrangement with The Share Centre.

Pitcairn Island Dxpedition

VP6PR is currently QRV from Pitcairn Islands and will remain QRV until the 8th of February. The modes in operation are CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL is via JJ8DEN.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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